

WHAT IS SAFE HARBOR?

Safe Harbor has increased awareness, understanding and identification of the commercial sexual exploitation of youth. In Minnesota, sexually exploited youth are not seen as criminals, but as victims in need of services. In 2014, the Minnesota Safe Harbor Law went into effect. The safe Harbor Law:

- Protects youth from being arrested or prosecuted for commercial sexual exploitation
- Adds the definition of sexually exploited youth to Minnesota's child protection codes so that child protective services and child welfare can respond.
- Funds protocol development, training, and evaluation, and provides services, housing, and outreach for youth ages 24 and under.

Any door a youth goes through – in any community – should provide a safe, protected environment that leads them to services that can help empower them to leave the exploitation. Sexually exploited youth 24 years old and younger deserve and are eligible for specialized, trauma-informed, state-funded services to heal and recover.

Federal funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, U.S Department of Justice supports Minnesota's response to labor trafficking and exploitation. Minnesota developed a Safe Harbor network of services with nine Regional Navigators who direct youth to specialized services, housing and shelter.

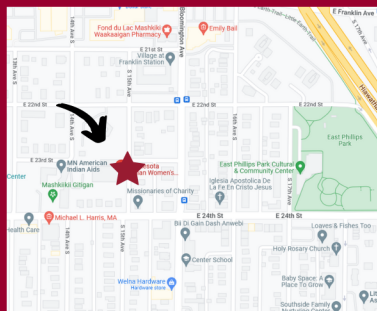
Regional Navigators are available to increase local capacity and awareness by training communities. Safe Harbor also funds Tribal Nations and services, as well as feedback from survivors on program implementation through state and federal funds.

Visit Us!

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MIWRC Hours

SUN CLOSED
MON 8 AM–4:30 PM
TUES 8 AM–4:30 PM
WED 8 AM–4:30 PM
THURS 8 AM–4:30 PM
FRI 8 AM–4:30 PM
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WAWOKIYE DROP-IN CENTER

MISSION OF MIWRC:

The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC) is a non-profit social and mental health services organization committed to traditional ways of being and support of Native women, youth and their families. MIWRC is comprised of five different departments including Wawokiye, Family services, Community Engagement, Nokoomis Endaad, and Housing.

WAWOKIYE DEPARTMENT:

Resources: Needing services and assistance? Visit the Wawokiye Drop-In Center (DIC) by entering through the door facing 15th Ave. The DIC offers a variety of services including:

- Shower
- Referrals
- A safe place to rest
- Harm Reduction Materials
- Outreach bags
- Help Finding Shelter Beds

Advocacy: Wawokiye offers support and services for those dealing with sexual violence, domestic abuse, and trafficking. Some of our programs include:

- Sexual Assault Advocacy
- Youth services and case management
- Street Outreach
- Housing advocacy and support
- Culturally grounded programming

Support: Wawokiye provides case management services by our SA advocates and both Safe Harbor staff members. Wawokiye staff also facilitate a variety of support groups and continue to create new groups depending on the unique needs of Native women, youth and their families. Some of our support groups include:

- Two-Spirit support
- Peer Support
- Sexual Assault survivors group
- Youth focused groups

Outreach: Wawokiye Outreach goes out into the community to distribute outreach bags, share resources, and information about MIWRC to unsheltered relatives.